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When Does the End Justify the Means?

All through history, great leaders have tried to move people to make great changes. The good and just leader attempts to do the same thing, but there are guidelines that they ask the individual to adhere to. In Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" he states, "The means we use must be as pure as the ends we seek." What does that mean to us? How does this thought, this idea, set in our society today? Does it find a prominent place in the consciousness of man today, or is it relegated to some distant corner, barely visible, even when an individual seeks guidance?

Our world today and our society today particularly, in this country, are good for some individuals, but as time goes on the average man is beginning to realize that there isn't that much good, that much positive, that much productive for the average class of individuals, that we must work harder now just to maintain what we have. We must learn to sacrifice even more just to keep holding on to what we have. You have all heard the old saying that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. That statement has never been so true as it is today. When looking at government statistics, when they look at the middle-class man, more of

that group of individuals are moving to the side of poverty. Very few are moving in the direction of greater wealth. The effects of this are disastrous and will be even more obvious as to how disastrous it is in the future. It is a known fact the middle-class man has supported this country. It is they who have helped the poor. It is they who pay the majority of taxes in this country while the wealthy and big corporations have loopholes that allow them practically no tax payments at all, and in some cases absolutely no taxes are paid. What happens when the middle class ceases to exist or becomes so small that it no longer

can carry the weight of this country? What we will have is a society where one group will do all the work and the other group will rule. There will be two groups, slaves and masters.

The middle class today is asked to live by this rule, that the means that we use must be as pure as the ends that we seek. The wealthy, the big corporations live by a different rule. They live by a rule that is totally opposite. The end justifies any means we must use. In other words, if we want to make more profit, if a big corporation wants to make more profit, it doesn't make any difference how they make that profit. Close an entire company down, get rid of thousands of people, destroy the economy of a city or small town. Who cares? Profit is the game. We can get that work done in some other country for half the price.

Yet the corporate world expects you to live by a different standard, live by an upright standard. Use only the most honorable means to reach a desired end, but make sure that the end that you desire is honorable.

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Can we win the battle against negativity by using means that are honorable? I am sure that most of you have heard of Mahatma Gandhi, a simple man, who was able to change the course of history simply by fasting and encouraging his people to pursue justice through honorable and peaceful means.

I would love to say that in our country today the same justice can be achieved by the middle class and poor, that we can overcome the greed of government and big business. That is what I would like to believe. That is what I would like to feel. I think the chances of that are very small, but yet we must not add to the negative situation in this country by being corrupt. If you are a big man on the totem pole, if you are a big corporation, if you are wealthy, you have enough cushion to protect you. But if you are the average man, there is no such protection available. It is much like the corporate executive that can steal millions and millions of dollars from the company, from investors, and they barely get a slap on the hands, where if you or I would go into a grocery store and steal a loaf of bread or a can of soup to feed our family, we are put in prison for years.

We cannot afford the high price lawyers, and in most cases we cannot even afford a cheap lawyer. And speaking of lawyers, if you have ever been a part of a class action suit, you will soon learn who gets the biggest piece of the pie, you certainly won't, but the corporate lawyer will or the organization or company of lawyers will take the biggest part of the winnings.

I was talking to a man who became involved in a health issue in a class action suit that was underway. I was shocked to find out that right up front the corporation of lawyers would get 40%. That is just the start. From there on, the man was charged for all medical records, all doctors that they required for him to see, of course his doctor wasn't good enough, and the records of that doctor weren't good enough. They put him through all these tests. He was charged not only for all the tests but all the paperwork involved, and every time an issue came up where he was to get a settlement, those charges were subtracted from the small amount he got back or he won. That is the world we live in.

It makes you want to say, "The heck with it, why should I want to be an honest man?" "Why should I want to be an honest woman?" It seems that

the more dishonest you are, the more negative you are, the more you end up with. Well, more than likely you will, but whatever you receive, using those means, will simply be a temporary condition. The price for that temporary condition will be far greater than your wildest imagination.

An honest man can always have a restful good night's sleep. A dishonest man must always worry about whether he has protected his back well enough so that in the morning, he will have what he had when he went to bed. He is always going to have to worry whether someone else will knife him in the back as he has knifed many others in the back to get what he has. Some people in our society who have great wealth have acquired that wealth because the end justified any means necessary to acquire that. Anything from lying, stealing, destroying people's lives, to actually causing the death of people and the destruction of our environment. Big business can always be obscene in their greed, but you and I must walk a path that travels a higher road.

Mahatma Gandhi preached peaceful means to elicit a greater good. Martin Luther King stated that we must use means that are as good and upright

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Media Mania

as the end result we wish to achieve. The destroyers live by the opposite rule, the end justifies any means necessary to acquire what they want, at any cost, they will get what they want.

It is very hard to live in our world today and try to walk the high road. You pull into a gas station and it requires \$3 for a gallon of gas. You have no choice. If you want to make it to work each day, you have to pay it. The rich man doesn't care, \$3 a gallon is nothing to him. Three dollars a gallon to you or me could mean whether we will eat today, whether we can afford medications, whether we can afford the rent or the electricity or the heat. It used to be only the old had to worry about living on a fixed income, it used to be only the old had to worry about whether they would pay for their medications or eat. Well, what we are willing to overlook today becomes the norm for tomorrow. And so it is, when we ignored the older people and those who had less than we, it comes home to roost. If you are not in their position today, be careful, for you might be in their position tomorrow.

Ultimately, in the end result, the final analysis, there are two ends, two goals. One is a goal where we experience a peace of mind, a higher consciousness, a more divine realization and understanding. The other goal is a goal of isolation, darkness, and self-hate. Whether we like it or not, we are all in a position today where we must make a choice while we still have time to make a choice. Are we going to live by a rule that elevates us to a higher consciousness, to a more spiritual state, or are we going to live by a rule that degrades us to a pit of darkness?

My personal choice is I am going to live by the rule that will offer me a permanent, positive experience, and that is whatever my goal is I wish to achieve, whatever means I use to achieve it by, will be as pure as the goal I wish to achieve.

Are you as disgusted as I am by all of the pharmaceutical ads on TV? This phenomenon appears to be increasing on a weekly basis. The guidelines for cholesterol and blood pressure were reduced about five years ago. Then suddenly millions of Americans need a cholesterol-lowering drug. Blood pressure which used to be considered high normal is now termed "pre-hypertension." By lowering the guidelines, millions of people are given drugs, and the drug companies are making huge profits. I have been suspicious for a long time about cholesterol and blood pressure drugs. Most, if not all, research behind all of this is funded by the pharmaceuticals, not dedicated research scientists. Whenever I read a research paper, I always attempt to find out who funded the research. Nine times out of ten, it has been backed by a drug company. Don't be fooled, the bottom line is not your health but profit.

The tactics the drug companies are using are unconscionable. They seem to be getting away with this without consequences. They lobby to change laws that favor their products over natural, nutritional supplements. Drug companies are some of the strongest lobbyists on Capitol Hill. One of the largest pharmaceuticals in the world made over a billion in profits last year alone.

People bombard their doctors requesting drugs they have seen advertised.

If it were up to the drug companies, everyone would be taking one or more prescription drugs. Some doctors are still recommending hormone replacement therapy even though it has been proven to cause breast cancer. Breast cancer has decreased since hormones are not being as readily prescribed. When hormone sales began to decline, they came up with drugs which supposedly prevent osteoporosis, but now problems are cropping up with these.

Now it appears the drug companies are using scare tactics to discourage you from taking natural supplements and encouraging you to take prescription drugs. I'm afraid as time goes on, all this pharmaceutical propaganda is going to increase. It's time for some sort of control to be implemented but I fear that too much money has already changed hands.

So how can we protect ourselves from all of this hype? I personally literally tune out all TV and radio pharmaceutical ads and ignore all magazine ads. We must begin to think for ourselves and not follow in lockstep all of the media mania.



Man's Best Friend?

It was a beautiful Sunday morning in May with the sun shining and the rhododendrons in full bloom. On the drive home from early morning church services, we discussed how we would spend the remainder of the day. Some ideas that we tossed around were yard work, a bicycle ride on the bike path, a lazy day doing nothing, or a cookout with family members. Little did we know someone had other plans for us!

We arrived at the house, still chattering about how we would spend the day, when we noticed an addition to our porch décor. There were 15 to 20 dog bowls scattered across our porch floor. While we were busy getting spirituality, our dog was busy collecting dog bowls! We spent the remainder of the morning going from house to house in our neighborhood trying to match dog bowls to dog owners and dogs.

At the time, it was a very aggravating experience, but now it is one of the family's funny stories. And when we reminisce, we realize that our family pets have provided us with a lot of humorous experiences. There was the time when one of our dogs decided that we didn't have enough Christmas decorations so he went to the cemetery near our home and brought back a miniature, decorated Christmas tree that someone had used to decorate a grave. Some ornaments had dropped off the tree leaving a clear trail to our door which, in retrospect, was a good thing because we were able to backtrack his trail, picking up the ornaments as we went along, and return the tree to the correct grave. The tree may have looked a little scraggly, but we hoped the owner would attribute that to the winter weather.

Another dog we owned had been raised with cats so he adopted a few cat habits, like sunning on window sills. However, he was a Beagle and our window sills were not very wide so he would constantly fall off. We would be eating dinner, hear a thump, and a yelp and one of the boys would remark "Rascal fell off the window again!" It became a nightly ritual, and if we didn't hear the thump and yelp, we would check to see if Rascal was all right.

Because we live near a cemetery, people sometimes drop off stray animals in our neighborhood. For some reason, maybe because we had so many boys, the strays always gravitated toward our house. One day we found on

our porch a small dog that had obviously been neglected. He was malnourished, dirty, and frightened of people. We fed him, bathed him, loved him and named him Bandit. Bandit grew, and grew, and grew to become a German shepherd. One day in the summer, our neighbors were barbecuing sausage. Bandit was large enough that he could reach their gas grill and, of course, he swiped their sausage. Well, it was link sausage and he took off across the back yards of our various neighbors with the sausage trailing along behind him—just like in the cartoons. We, and our neighbors, were chasing him. He thought it was a game and ran that much faster. Needless to say, the sausage was done for! We immediately ran to the store, purchased more sausage for our neighbors and apologized profusely. Our neighbors didn't speak to us for about six weeks!

The Council has often told us that pets can play an important role in our lives if we choose to have them. They provide unconditional love and another opportunity for us to express love. In our case, pets have provided not only unconditional love but also many, many moments of laughter and joy. We can't imagine a household without pets.



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C R O W

Scan- ning the Ho- rizon for Note- worthy Tidbits

As we approach another observance of Independence Day, the crow has been musing about the many faces of progress in our land.

Which faces of progress signal real benefits to our society and the world in general, and which may be considered, at best, deceitful, blinding us to growing threats while opportunities to genuinely improve our lot grow more distant in the rearview mirror?

The Council has had some tough words for our enchantment with science and gadgetry. In fact, they basically said that our technology will be our undoing.

Our technology will be our undoing. What exactly does that mean? That's a question humans have asked through the ages to prophecies and other warnings that have challenged the status quo. But the status quo abhors challenges. More often than not, the challenge is like a starter's gun: BANG! And the intellectual wriggling and wiggling begin until we have worked our way off the bull's eye. Our concern weakens as we scoot further into the twilight of rationalization. Soon enough we are not only maintaining the status quo, we're feeling good about how we conquered that bit of the challenge we've sliced off and reshaped into something no longer frightening.

So, what exactly does it mean? How about this for an answer: Exactly what it says. Either we change or else. But it's our hu-

man nature to dig through our mental utensil drawer for the electric knife so we can start carving: Maybe it means some nuclear material will escape its confines somewhere in the old Soviet Union; or someone will lean on a launch button; experiments with a deadly virus will go astray; sunspots or electrical storms will wipe out communications and the economy will collapse; all of the above. What can a single person do?

If we conclude the answer belongs in the category of Whopper Beyond My Control, we file it away and move on, accepting our fate of being powerless. But a great danger, then, is that an irresistible narcissism will pull us even further from a spiritual path. Eat, drink and be merry and all that jazz. Actually, that particular concern is almost laughable because as a society we're terminally self-centered already. And for the whole to be seen from a distance (heaven, for example) as ruined by selfishness, the vast majority of its parts must be exhibiting serious rot.

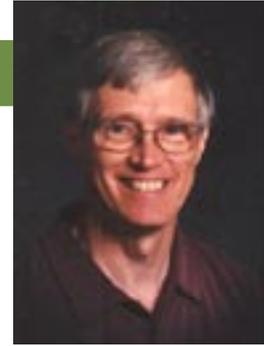
One of our national rallying cries in recent years has been "freedom isn't free." It's used to rouse patriotism within our collective soul, which in itself is not a bad thing. But it's also become a rationalization of sorts, serving to silence our questions about the use of

our military and manipulate our reaction to the deaths and disfigurements of our young men and women in uniform.

Of course, there is an ever-growing technological component to the military, and that would seem an obvious answer: Military technology will run amok and destroy our way of life. That, however, is not what brought "freedom isn't free" to mind. Rather, it occurred to me that the phrase applies to so much more than just the physical, military defense of a society. The values we supposedly cherish could be vanishing behind us, while our sight is focused on potential threats around us. Could we be so enamored with a technical wizardry that gives us a library of 10,000 songs to pump directly into our ears that we can't hear the footsteps of approaching oppression?

It would seem the first price of freedom is defining what makes freedom the invaluable commodity we hold so dear. Is it the freedom to entertain ourselves with newer and fancier gadgets from sun to sun? Or is it the freedom to savor and to enhance the worth, the dignity, of being an equal member of the human family? That may be as valid an answer as any to the question: What does it mean that our technology will be our undoing? We're so involved in a romance with technology that we have little love left for humanity.

David Ries



Do Indigo or Crystal Children Exist? Part 1

A member of SOL recently asked me about a particular phenomenon that is creating so much discussion that it has reached the attention of the legitimate news media. Certain groups and individuals are promoting the concept that souls being born over the last century are described as the next step in our evolution as a human species. These “unusual” souls are being given the titles of Indigo or Crystal Children. Some practicing metaphysicians claim that these people are here to show us the way to a more spiritual existence as we make the transition to the next stage of our spiritual growth and evolution. The proponents of this concept claim that these “special” souls are pioneers and wayshowers, born with increased abilities and degrees of technological and creative sophistication.

It is my task to help us determine for ourselves if there is any truth to this information. The first thought that comes to my mind is one of skepticism. I am the kind of person who seldom takes anything at face value. So, I ask myself these questions. What is the source of this “new” information? Who is writing about this subject, and what is their background, their credentials? What gives them the authority or knowledge to discuss the subject as an “expert”? When examining someone’s credentials, I do not accept the premise that education or academic degrees indicate expertise. It only indicates that the individual completed the require-

ments to successfully pass a series of tests that were required to earn a title or degree. We all know that there are good doctors and ones who are not so good. In any field of endeavor the same question exists; how qualified is the individual? Certainly the metaphysical field and metaphysicians are susceptible to the same human faults as the rest of us, actually, according to The Council, more so.

The Council has warned us on more than one occasion about the pursuit of our psychic/metaphysical abilities. Many who practice their spiritual gifts, and let me say that every one of us possesses these talents, begin with

a pure heart and a sincere desire for knowledge. These novice metaphysicians truly wish to help their brothers and sisters in the beginning. However, much is demanded of a person who is pure at heart. Always, the self-serving ego is just below the surface, ready to accept adoration. This is the culprit; this is the stumbling block to success in the practice of any spiritual/metaphysical talents that we possess. The following is a good example of The Council’s thoughts on the subject.

Questioner: I was going to ask them if it is important to us or would it be helpful to us to try to develop a sense of the psychic in order to evolve spiritually? Is it helpful or will it hinder us?

C: In most cases, instead of it opening the eyes of the conscious mind to the fact that you do have a soul, in most cases it closes the eyes and makes the individual blind. Psychic phenomena has turned many a soul away from the path that it has chosen towards development. Instead of taking it as a natural expression of the soul and utilizing it in a godly way, it becomes a source of egotism, of creating a focal point on the individual, and they relish the adoration of others; it draws attention to them, and in so doing instead of adding to the life of

their soul, it turns the whole situation into a self-serving love, which is, shall we say, destructive to the soul. ... There are sad stories of those who have become involved in the psychic. There has been great heartbreak and great horror experienced. (81-07-10, 96th.)

In my mind this quote serves as a severe warning. It warns me that most who claim to have psychic revelations may not be good practicing psychics but have chosen this avenue of expression for less than the best of reasons. Their thoughts and opinions should not be accepted without question. I have worked and traveled with William LePar for many years, and I have had the privilege to be present at most of his public appearances. During some of these, he has taken the opportunity to counsel people who desire to pursue a career learning and teaching spirituality and metaphysics. I have personally heard the encouragement that he has given and more importantly the warnings and guidance on how one should protect himself from the dangers that one can encounter if the ego is allowed to take control.

As with all information we must examine it closely. However, if it is information of a psychic or metaphysical type, it is necessary to examine it very closely, and it is my opinion that it should never be accepted without questioning. This kind of information, by its very nature, is very difficult, if not impossible to verify. We have been instructed by The Council to use our God-given minds and to apply common sense to any information that we receive from them or any source. The Council has also stressed that God works in natural ways. He works through the lowly not the high and

mighty of the world.

Let's examine this concept from a skeptical point of view. Once something as interesting and unique as this subject reaches the consciousness of promoters and people who willingly subscribe to this concept, it can grow to amazing proportions. Certainly more than the thought deserves. It appeals to the ego. "You could be a special person, more gifted and knowing than most people." Isn't that the technique that Hitler used? "We are the Aryan race, we are better than everyone else." Granted, this is an extreme example, but the psychology is the same.

Are some of those who purport to know what is going on simply taking advantage of a new opportunity? Are others only fooling themselves and misreading the situations that exist and have existed in our world since the beginning of time? Several years ago there was another concept that created quite a stir among metaphysicians. This was the idea that some souls were actually "walk-ins" or "star seeds." These "walk-ins" would take over the body of a soul who would voluntarily relinquish it so that this more advanced soul could utilize it to accomplish great tasks. Over time this concept has been expanded, but the basic principle is that someone special is now present, that outside influences will take over and solve the world's problems. Does this sound familiar to what we have been discussing with the Indigo or Crystal children?

Most of these so called advanced souls are supposed to be very gifted individuals intellectually. Certainly there are very intelligent and gifted people being born. However, intellectualism and intelligence do not mean that they have a true understanding of

spiritual principles and can teach them to others. In recent history there have been many individuals who have had large followings and much publicity only to be completely discredited later. I could name several supposed sources of enlightenment that were discovered to be totally fraudulent. Some were fraudulent from the beginning and others became fraudulent as fame came to them. The desire to maintain their status caused them to debase their sense of values. Would God work through this kind of person?

Here is a quote from The Council:

God works through the simple man, through the childlike man, through the innocent, through the lowly, never through the high and mighty. The high and mighty love their position, their power, more than they love surrendering themselves and their will to God's humble state. (87-12-05, 152nd.)

It doesn't seem to me that we would be receiving enlightenment through souls "with increased abilities and degrees of technological and creative sophistication." What The Council's statement says to me is that our God uses what is available and He uses those who are meek and mild, not those who are highly educated and full of knowledge, those who can "turn a phrase."

In the second part of this article, I will finish the examination of these "special" souls, the Indigo and Crystal Children. I will give some insight into the possible source of this concept and the reasons for its appearance at this time in mankind's history.

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